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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1907.
(Misc)

File No. 126-07

Serial Nos. 16 16

Papers Filed.

Month July 1911.

SUBJECT.

Proposal for
To keep over the Avani Matt in the Melukotagal Taluk & endowments thereof under Govt management.—

PREVIOUS REFERENCES	LATER REFERENCES.
M. 7. 163-03.	M. 7. 382-07.
	Misc. 71-73-1-7

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

File No. 126-07

SUBJECT.

Re taking over the Avani matt in the Mulbagal Taluk and the endowments thereof under Govt management.

From

The Swamigalu of the Avani matt.

Sminkha No. 1058, dated 6th November 1907. Sl 1

No. 1586.	A Sminkha was received in this Office on the 3rd October 1907, purporting to be from the Swamigalu of the Avani matt in the Mulbagal Taluk, stating that the matt was involved in heavy debts and requesting that the matt and its endowments might be taken over under Govt management. The Agent of the matt also petitioned Govt making the same request. Both the Sminkha and the petition were thereupon forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the Kolar District as directed by
No. 1593, dated 3.10.07. Sl 2 Sl 3	

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the 2d Councillor with a request that a detailed report may be submitted as to the matt endowments, the present income and expenditure in the Insti, the extent of the liabilities &c together with his proposals in the matter of taking over the Institution and its endowments under Govt management. and an ackt was sent to the Swami

Extra-ordinarily however, a reply SLH
Sannikha has again been received in this office purporting to be from the Swamigals of the matt in question, stating that he did not address any Sannikha to Govt requesting them to take over the management of the Matt and its endowments under them, but that the petition (on Sannikha on which action has been taken) must have been written by some dismissed servant of the matt and that if that petition be shown to him, he might be able to trace the writer thereof, so that steps may be taken to punish the forger

As the affairs of the Institution are understood to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, draft is submitted requesting the Deputy Commissioner to go deeply into the matter and

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submit a detailed report ~~without~~ as to the desirability of Govt interference in the management of the Matt and its endowments.

Submitted with a draft to the 2nd Councillor.

2nd

16/11/07

Thanks Sam
16.11.1907

Please obtain the Dewan's approval before issue. My only doubt is whether the Dy Commr should not take the initiative in a matter like this rather than the Muzrai Secretary. The sense of the disciples of the Matt will have to be ascertained

to the 2nd Cr. perusal of the Dewan's Order
Ch 2/12/07
Seen
WPN
3/12/07
the draft
Ch
3/12/07

09.11.07

Submit to the Dewan with draft
6961
09/11/07

Ch
19/11/07

The Dewan agrees with the 2nd Councillor.
30.11.07

WPN
18/11/07
WPN

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A revised draft is submitted for approval in accordance with the views of the 2d Councillor, which have been concurred in by the Dewan

239/ Subd to the 2d Councillor / Bhashyam Rao 6/12/07

Draft approved RRR 7/12/07 Recd 7.12-07

Issue draft appd. 7.12.07

Sl 5:

To. The Dy. Comr., Kolar Dt

Ct No. 2703 Dt 10.12.1907

Forwards Srinivasa's petn to the Swamigalu alleging that Srinivasa (Sl 1) Dt 3.10.1907 was not written by him but that it must have been forged in his name by some

Regd. Ct No. 2006/1058 Dt 6.11.07

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decision of Servants of the Matt & requesting to submit a report to Govt as to the necessity or otherwise for the interference of Govt in the management of the Matt & its endowments

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Kolam 18 Jan 08

My Dear Li,

The Arani mill ... to
are still negotiating with
the Swami ... I shall
let you know after I
... his arrival here.

Meanwhile my ... book-
keeping + managing
... that ... keep-
ing ... Rs 3068 ... 29 ...
... pending ... ...

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6	Draw Principles of the Livaani matter Ref No 2559 D/19 12 07
7	Sc D E., Malar No 3777 D/21/2/1908 ~~Forward~~ for continuation for early report.

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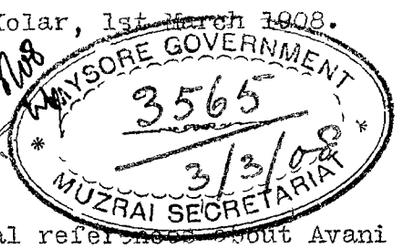
Kolar, 1st ~~March~~ 1908.



Your several refer~~ence~~ about Avani Mutt - I was out in Mulbagal Taluk several occasions but was unable to find the Swami. He has come there lately and the Sub Division Officer reports that he has not been able to get any accounts from him, nor does he seem to have kept any. I have sent for the Agents and spoken to them, but not to any practical use.

I propose visiting the Swami personally and trying to do the needful after consultation with him.

I hope to be able to do the same

G. R. S. 12
General
Secr

about the 1st or 2nd week of April when I shall submit my formal reply.

Yours sincerely,

Sri Ramakrishna

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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8	From Private Secy to H.H. the Maharaja No 2468 d/ 10.4.08 Forwards for disposal Petn dated from Subbaiya, Complaining of the mismanagement of the Mat & its endowments
9	To D. C., Kolar. No. 4822 d/ 28.4.08 Forwards for early report
10	From Subbaiya & others Petn No 4456 d/ 6.5.1908. As Sl. 8
11	To. D. C., Kolar. No. 5194 d/ 23.5.08 Forwards in Continuation.
	To Subbaiya & others No 5495 d/ 23.5.08 Intimates the action

Sl 12

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Serial No.	
12	From. Private Secy to H H the Maharaja No 2077 dy 25.11.11. Forwards for disposal Rdu Regd. no 980 dy 6/11/11 from Rama Sastry & others, Complaining among other things the alienation of the Matt endowments Under Secy's order:- Continue note and send on to dy Comr. early in continuation Lbd. with draft by Dsptr 28/11/11 28/11/11
13.	To, The Dy. Commr, Kolar Dist Docket no 1900 dy 1-2-1911. Forwards the memorial in Cont and calls for early report.
16	From, The Dy. Commr, Kolar Dist Letter no 8406/292 dy 4/5th May 1911. Submits report in the subject. Attention is respectfully invited to the Assistant Commr Mr Vedanta desigam Iyengar's Report no 653 dy 22nd April 1911 prepared under

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after personal interview with the Swamy

The Report briefly reviews the history of the correspondence in the matter of the mismanagement of the matt affairs In Para 12, it is said that when the Swamigalu succeeded to the Asrama, there was at the credit of the matt a sum of Rs 19,000 invested for interest on bonds and in Savings Bank together with jewels Valued more than Rs 50,000/. The Swamigalu in the course of 15 years is said to have spent all cash investments in addition to the permanent income of Rs 6000/ per annum, and pledged jewels to the extent of probably Rs 20,000/ (Rs 11,300/ according to the Swamigalu) and incurred a debt of Rs 20,000/. The Assistant Commr thinks that " it is hopeless to expect the matt which is spoken of as one of antiquity to recover its position, if it is continued under the management of the Swamigalu without Govt immediately stepping in for its rescue." He therefore recommends that the matt may be taken under Govt management.

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The Dy Commr also had an interview with the Swamigalu and after detailing the unsatisfactory condition of matt affairs, recommends that Govt may assume the mangt of the matt and promises to submit in due course proposals regarding scale of exps etc. in the matt.

Submitted for orders

AV (132) 16-5-1911 RL (26) 17/5/11

Srimukha

Please obtain the fresh petition from the Swamis and submit

15 Rx of 30.5.11 from the Swami of this Arani matt stating that certain servants of the matt who were dismissed for misconduct have been the cause of disturbance to the matt, and have caused the Dy Commr to recommend the matt & its endowments being taken under Govt management & states that he will soon return and discharge all the debts hitherto contracted &c.

Submitted for orders to the Council

RL (5) 5-6-11 There are complaints that the state of matt property managed by the Swami also is not much better of.

6/6/11

I have also heard bad accounts of the State of this Matha. But I

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have serious doubts about our authority to take the management under Govt without the Swami's Consent — particularly in respect of property other than devadaya mans. Perhaps it would be best to ask the Dy C^r to exert his influence to get the Swami to consent. Perhaps if the Dewan or I happen to go that side, we may try the effect of a personal exhortation.

Dewan 23/6/11

14/6 Submitted to Dewan
Abraham 24

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12245
27.6.11

The Dy C^r may be addressed in the manner suggested and the suggestion reinforced by a personal interview of the 2 Commrs with the Swamijalow. I think that in the best interests of the Swamijalow himself prompt early action is called for

As requested Put up draft
24/6/11

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	Submitted with a Dft AV(132) 3/7/1911 Rl Observations indicated 4/7/1911
	Submitted with a revised Dft SV 4/7/1911 Rl. Dft submitted & observations 4/7/1911
	Draft approved by 2nd Councillor 4/7/11
39	Draft approved by 2nd Councillor 4/7/11
15	To
16	The Dy Commr Kolar Dt- No. 142 Dt 13-7-1911 Forwarding the Srimukha received from the Swamigals & requesting the Dy Comr to exert his personal influence to get the Swami to consent to the management of the math being assumed by Govt

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Dr-a bt for approval

Mudrai

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Off. Memo

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Submitted to the 2nd Cr
for appl.
26/10/07

The accompanying Srimukha No. 1586 dated 3rd October 1907, received from the Swamigalu of the Ahobila Matt in the Nulbagal Taluk, and also petition Regd No. 1593 of the same date from the Agent of the said Matt, stating that the Matt is involved in heavy debts and ~~has~~ praying that it may be taken under Govt. management, are forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, for favor of a detailed report as to the Matt endowments, ~~and~~ the present income and expenditure

Appd letter issued
26/10/07

No. 21805/31.10.07
Encl 2.

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in the Institution, the extent of the ~~dt~~ liabilities &c, ~~&c &c &c~~.
together with the Deputy Commissioner's proposals in the matter of taking over the Institution and its endowments under Govt management.

2. The favor of an early reply is requested

By order,

Secretary

26/10/07

28/10/07

Visiapanapatnika to the Swamigalu.

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శ్రీ వల్లభ్ రావు గారికి
ఇరు వంశీకుల వంద వావని
వలదశ్రీ విధి విశంకర భారతి
స్వాములకు వరమగుటకై —

శ్రీ మంగళగిరి వెంకటేశ్వరులు మీరు
ఇలాంటి కార్యక్రమాలు తరచూ నంకస్వా-
మిరాల్ని వలం చేయగలుగుతారని

శ్రీ వలదలధికారులకు శ్రీ వలం
గారి వినతి పత్రము అందజేసి
ఆతర్వాత పత్రికా సంస్థల వందిత్రులుతో వలం
వలదవల్లభుడి వలంటున్న వినోద వరల
వేదిక చిత్రాలు తీయించుకొంటారు
మీరందరూ వందు 1234 కోట్లకు శ్రీ వలు వినల
1586
ఇ. అనగా వలి లేకపోలపు వినతి పత్రాలు తీసి
వలలు కోలాంధ్రాలు శ్రీ వలంగారి

Revised draft as per Dis orders

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From

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District -

Dated

Despatched 10.12.07.

Received

General No. 2783
No.

Enclosure No. One.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office memo No. 2180, dated the 31st October 1907, I am directed to forward herewith Srimukha Regd No 2006/1058, dated 6th November 1907, addressed to Govt by the Swamigalu of the Sri Ahobila Matt in the Chikballapur Taluk

2. In this Srimukha the alleged Swamigalu states that the Srimukha of the 3rd October 1907, upon which the Offl memo of the 31st Octr 1907

Appd by C.E
Secy
8/12/07

9.12.07

reported to above was issued nun
this Office was not written by nun
but that it must have been forged
in his name by some dismissed
servant of the Matt. The Srimukha
is forwarded to you for information
and or such action as you may deem
proper in the matter.

3. I am at the same time
to state that if there is reason to think
that the affairs of the Matt are not
in a satisfactory condition you may
make the needful enquiries into the
matter consult the Swami's disciples of the Matt
and submit a report to Govt with your
opinion as to the necessity for the interference
of the Govt in the management of the
Matt and its endowments.

I have &c,

Secretary.

7/12/07

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Bangalore, Octy. 10-4 1908

No. 2668
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Petitions as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, are transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzrai Department, Bangalore, for disposal.

No. 1219/1220&1221 of 07-08.)

By Order,

I. C. S.
Private Secretary
to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore.

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GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA
OF MYSORE.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. 377 Revenue

The accompanying Petition No. 2559

dated 19 · 12 · 07 received at this

Office from certain disciples of the

Sri Avani matt complaining

of the mismanagement

of the institution,

is forwarded, ~~together with its~~

~~enclosures~~, to the Dy. Commr.,

Kolar Distt in continuation

of this office letter no. 2703

dated 10th idem, for early

submission of the detailed

report already called for

on the subject.

By Order,

Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

BANGALORE,
21/2.1908.

Address of the petrs. is not clear.
Hence no endt. can be issued.

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GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA
OF MYSORE.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. 4822-Eee/

The accompanying Petition No. 1219 4162
dated 13 4 1908 ~~received at this~~ addressed to
~~Office from~~ it the Maharaja
by Subbiah son of
Namashastry complaining
of the mismanagement
of the Sri Ananimatt
and its endowments

is forwarded, ~~together with its enclosures,~~ to the Deputy Commr
Kolar Distt. in contn of
the marginally noted com-
munications from his
office for early submissn
of the detailed report
already called for on
the subject

By Order,

27/4/08

Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

BANGALORE,
28/4 1908

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No. 2903 dt 10-12-190)
4-3777 dt 21/2/08.

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GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA
OF MYSORE.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. 5194-Encl

21/5

The accompanying Petition No. 4456
dated 6th May 1908 received at this
Office from Subbiah and others
of Avani in the Mulbagal
Taluk, Complaining of
the Mismanagement of
the Sri Avani Math at the
place

is forwarded, ~~together with its enclosures~~, to the DC Comr, Kolar Dt.
in Contn of the marginally
noted Communications
from this Office with a
request that the report
already called for ~~should~~
may be submitted at an
early date.

No. 4822 dt 28.4.08

By Order,

Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

BANGALORE,
23/5 1908

No. 5795

Sent to the petnr
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From

Secy to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To The Dy. Commissioner,

Dated Kolar 9th.

Despatched

Received

General No.
No.

Enclosure No.

In Continuation of the Marginally noted Communications from this office, I have the honor to forward herewith Memorial Regd. No. 980/1304 of 6.1.1911 from Rama Sastry and others of Avani, bringing to notice - among other things - that the ground wherein the former

No. 668 of 15.1.09.
1046 of 12.2.09

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ames of the matt
ham) been buried has
been brought on bought
in a Civil Court auction
Sale by one Shanbhoge
Bheemarao for a sum
of Rs 200/- and that
the Confirmation of the
Sale has been fixed for
24th Feby 1911 and
praying to take the matt
that
maybe taken
and in endowment under
your management & The Dy Comr is
to submit
requested that the report already
called for may be
submitted without
further delay.

By order,

Dft) B
26.1.1911

Br for Secy
28/1/11

ನಿಮ್ಮ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ
ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ
ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲು ವಿನಂತಿ. (ಸಹಿ ಪಠ್ಯ)

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ
ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವ ವಿಷಯ

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ೨೦
ದಿನಾಂಕ ೧೦-೧೨-೧೯೨೫ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ
ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವ
ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲವು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ
ಅವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು
ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ೨೦ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ
ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ
ಆದರೆ ಕೆಲವು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳವರು ಈ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು
ಅನುಸರಿಸದೆ ಅನಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು
ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದೆ ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ
ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ೨೦ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ
ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಪುನಃ
ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ
ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಿಂತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು
ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು
ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲಂಘಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು
ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು
ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆಜ್ಞೆಯಂತೆ,

ಸಹಿ
28/11/11

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28/11/11

No. 8704 Enc 1 & 1 file
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Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Dated Kolar, 4th May 1911.

From

C. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, Esqr., B.A.B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esqr., B.A.,
Offg: Secretary to the Govt: of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore, Genl.& Rev. Departments,
Muzrai Branch.

Sir,

With reference to your Office docket No.1900/126-07 dated 1st February 1911, forwarding for report petition of Rama Sastri and others of Avani, regarding the Avani Mutt affairs, I have the honor to submit herewith Treasury Assistant Commissioner Mr. A. Vedantadesikar Iyengar's letter No.653 dated the 22nd April 1911, in original, making a detailed and exhaustive report on the subject and recommending the management of the Mutt being taken over by Government, and to state as follows:-

2. Since assuming charge of this District, I have had numerous petitions against the Swamigalavaru, alleging that he had been disposing of landed and other moveable properties of the Mutt, by sale or mortgage, and that his conduct and character were not becoming those of his asramam &c, and anxious as I was to acquaint the same in person and enquire of the Swamigalavaru, I was for long unable to do so, he having been away on tour, and I did not wish to hold any sort of enquiry during his absence. After his return to Avani, several notices, summonses, warrants of arrest of the person of the Swamigalavaru himself from foreign Courts,

were frequently coming in, and it was only with some difficulty that the disgrace to the Mutt by such procedure was averted.

3. Meanwhile, movable properties being mostly all disposed of, the lands and godi villages belonging to the Mutt were being hypothecated or mortgaged for nominal loans raised thereon, and to put a stop to these ruinous transactions, after earnestly soliciting so many times, for an interview, I called on the Swamigalavaru at Avani, on the 22nd September 1909, when I had a long discourse with him in the course of which I submitted to him, how solicitous the Government were to safeguard the honor and reputation of the Institution and how glad I would be to take their aid to place it on a sound basis, if he only let us know the exact state of affairs. In the beginning, he talked to me in the same strain as he has now done to Mr. Vedantadesigam Iyengar, that the Government of H.H. the Maharaja had not bestowed any appreciable inams on the Mutt &c, &c; but on my submitting to him in a persuasive way, how Government were interested in seeing the Mutt grow and prosper, and the Swamigalavaru maintain his own prestige and the traditions of the Mutt &c, he seemed to agree with what I had submitted and then said that he would very gladly accept the help of the Government in administering the Mutt affairs, and promised to send me the accounts of the Mutt in course of a few days. At this interview, I also politely submitted to him the rumours in regard to his private character and humbly suggested, that it was due to his asramam and position that he should not give room for people to talk about him disrespectfully.

4. I have waited till now for the promised accounts etc, but at each time I sent for them, some one appeared saying that he was the Agent of the Swamigalavaru, and that

the accounts &c, were in course of preparation &c, but nothing has been forthcoming till date. In the end, I deputed Mr. Vedantadesigam Iyengar, specially to go to the Mutt and interview the Swamigalavaru once again on my behalf, with the result that the Swamigalavaru now declines to furnish any accounts.

5. Things are going from bad to worse, and the mortgaging and selling away of properties have also been fast multiplying very briskly, so much so, the Mutt now has become almost impoverished. It would be most disastrous to let things slide any further, and as all the disciples of the Mutt are so anxious that the Government should take over the management of the Mutt affairs, till it gets into its former prosperous condition and regains its reputation, and the present Swamigalavaru having thus far mismanaged it and proved himself unfit to manage the Mutt affairs by himself, I submit that the Government should now come forward to administer the Mutt affairs, and therefore, request that you may be so good as to obtain early orders for taking over the management of the Mutt by Government.

6. Proposals regarding scale of establishment etc, may be taken up later on in due course.

7. The whole vernacular file connected with the subject is herewith submitted for reference and obliging return when done with.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

F.No. 5190/10.11

No. 653

Treasury Assistant Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Dated Kolar, 22nd April 1911.

From

A. Vedantadesigam Iyengar, Esquire.,
Treasury Assistant Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Submitted
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To

C. Srikantesvara Aiyar, Esqr., B.A.B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo dated 17th February 1911, directing me to enquire into the subject of the petition of Rama Sastry and others of Avani, received with docket No.1900/126-07 dated 1st February 1911 from the Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments, in regard to a certain impending Civil Court auction sale of the property of Avani Mutt & praying that the Mutt may be taken under Government management, and to submit a report on the affairs of the Mutt, I have the honor to submit as follows.

1. I proceeded to Avani on the 2nd instant and during a period of two days I encamped there, visited the Mutt, interviewed the Swamigalavaru and examined the chief Mutt officials on the subject. Before giving the result of my enquiries and observation, I beg to review briefly the history of the correspondence in the matter of the alleged mismanagement of the affairs of the Mutt, which has been going on in an unpleasant manner during the past ten years and over.

2. It was in the year 1896 that Government recognised the present Swamigalavaru to the Guruship of the Avani Mutt in the Mulbagal Taluk. Since the year 1900, petition after petition purporting

x Vide Govt: Pro.No.1265/Muz.F.102-92 dated 18th June 1896.

to be from the disciples of Mutt has been presented to Government and the Deputy Commissioner, alleging mismanagement of the affairs of the Mutt, squandering the resources of the Mutt, mortgaging the Mutt lands, jewels, neglect of the duties of the Mutt etc. Two of these petitions were received through the Government for report vide Huzur Secretary's No.795 dated 23rd January 1900 and 881 dated 13th February 1901. Mr. Amir Hassan, the Assistant commissioner in charge of the Malur Sub Division, to whom these petitions were referred, after enquiring of the Swamigalavaru and examining a number of witnesses, reported in his No.262 dated 20th June 1901, that the Swamigalavaru admitted his having contracted a debt of Rs.6,000/- owing to successive bad seasons and to the usual income of the Mutt having fallen short, on account of his having been unable to tour about for some years, and of his having pledged all the jewels in the Mutt excepting four. Mr. Amir Hassan further reported that the villages of the Mutt had not been alienated till then, but that he was of opinion that the whole affair connected with the Mutt, had been mismanaged, that it gave opportunity to several of the servants to take undue advantage and that he, therefore, considered in the interest of this old Institution, that the management of the villages &c of the Mutt should be taken over by the Government, till at least the debts were liquidated. Mr. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar, who was then the Assistant Commissioner in this District, thought that the taking over of the Mutt villages under Government management was too drastic a remedy. Accordingly, it is reported that the Swamigalavaru was then privately advised to be more careful in future in the management of the Mutt affairs and was also reminded of instances, wherein Government had stepped in and taken up the management of religious Institutions, whose affairs had not been properly looked after. (Vide Mr. K.R.

Srinivasa Iyengar's report dated 9th August 1903).

3. In reporting these facts to Government, the then Deputy Commissioner Mr. F.A.C. Carr, added that he personally visited Avani and found the temple had been allowed " to fall into a most disgraceful state of disrepair ", that it will take a large sum of money to bring the temples to anything like good order, that he would suggest that for meeting the very necessary expenses, it would be as well for the Government to take over the management of the annual Jatra or Fair and from the fees levied, spend annually a decent sum to repair the temple and that unless that is done and stringent measures taken either by warning or otherwise to curtail the expensive tastes of the Guru, matters would go from bad to worse, eventually forcing Government to take over the whole management of the Mutt affairs. He also issued instructions for reporting to him complete particulars of the Inam lands of the Mutt, the Revenue etc, to enable a reference being made to Government for their undertaking the management of the Mutt as well. But no references were actually made, as he left the District soon after.

4. Shortly afterwards, the Government sent two Vignyapanapatrikas addressed to the Swamigalavaru, in which besides calling for information relating to the resources and liabilities of the Mutt, they brought to his notice the purport of the several petitions addressed to Government concerning the management of the Mutt affairs, and the personal conduct of the Guru, alluding therein to the aspersions cast upon his personal character and explaining clearly the policy of Government towards the Mutt, how the Swamigalavaru can count upon the devotion of the disciples only by his righteous conduct, and how its absence would diminish ~~diminish~~ the devotion of the disciples and reduce the position of the Institution to a lower state, besides

x With their Nos. 3035/Muz.F.42-03 and 1398/42-03 dated 7th April 1904 and 9th October 04 respectively.

entailing the displeasure of Government, and how it was the earnest desire of Government that the Swamigalavaru should take particular care in this respect. The two Vignapana patrikas were delivered to the Guru by Messrs. B. Ramaswamiah and V.N. Tyagaraja Iyer, Assistant Commissioners of the District in person.

5. In the year 1907, a Srimuka dated 3rd October 1907 from the Swamigalavaru and a petition from the Agent (Ramasubbaiah) of the Mutt both addressed to the Government in the Muzrai Department, in both of which, it was stated that the Mutt was involved in heavy debts, and it was prayed that the same may be taken over under Government management, as the one means of placing the Mutt affairs in a sound footing, was received from Government by the Deputy Commissioner, with instructions to submit a detailed report as to the Mutt Endowments, income and expenditure, the extent of liabilities, together with proposals in the matter of taking over the Institution and its endowments under Government management. Soon after, however, the Government forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner another Srimuka dated 6th November 1907, from the Swamigalavaru in which he declared that the first Srimuka referred to as having been sent up by him already, was not written by him, but that it must have been forged in his name by some dismissed servant of the Mutt. In forwarding the above for such action as might be deemed proper, the Government reiterated that if there is reason to think that the affairs of the Mutt are not in a satisfactory condition, needful enquiries into the matter may be made, the Swamigalavaru and the disciples consulted and a report submitted to Government as to the necessity or otherwise for the interference of Government in the management of the Mutt and its endowments.

x Vide. Govt. docket No.2703 dated 10-12-07.

6. Again several petitions to Government and local

authorities, alleging gross mismanagement of the Mutt affairs and casting aspersions on the character and conduct of the Swami poured in.

7. The specific allegation made in the last petition under report is that the lands in which the samadies of the old Swamies are situate, had been allowed to be sold in a Civil Court auction and that the confirmation of the sale had been fixed for the 24th February 1911. As the latter was important and urgent, enquiries were made in the Kolar Munsiff's Court, where the proceedings were reported to have taken place, and it was ascertained that the decree amount having been subsequently paid by the Mutt, the alienation had been averted. The truth of this information is confirmed by the statement of the Mutt agent Ramasubbia, since recorded by me.

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8. As regards the other oft repeated allegations about the mismanagement of the Mutt affairs &c I had a very long interview with the Swamigalavaru with a view to elicit from him as much information as I could possibly get from him about the details of income from the Inam lands, endowed to the Mutt, income from other Government lands in the holding of the Mutt, and other properties in the shape of cash, jewels, silver vessels &c, and also about the debts, if any, and the expenditure incurred for worship, santarpane (feeding) &c, and other establsihment charges.

9. The Swamigalavaru evaded giving any satisfactory answers to my earnest and most submissive enquiries, went on saying that the Mutt had not been endowed with any large Jahagirs &c, as other Mutts in the Province, to call for any interference by Goverrment, that the Mutt had all along been maintaining its status and position solely from earnings from its disciples, that several Government lands had come

to the occupancy of the Mutt from the same source of income and not from any ready money grants or inams from Government that owing to a series of plague stricken years, he was unable to undertake a long tour till now amongst his disciples, that in one year's tour alone he had the ability to earn enough not only to liquidate the whole of the existing debts, but also to make the Mutt sufficiently rich etc, etc. At the end of several hours' conversation, between 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. on the first day of my interview, the Swamigalavaru expressed his inclination to put the affairs of the Mutt, as he was intending to start on a tour at an early date and asked me to stay in Avani the following day to let me know his final decision, after consulting with Mr. B.S. Venkatesiah, Amildar of the Kolar Taluk, whom I had also taken with me to Avani. On my soliciting permission to look into the accounts of income and expenditure of the Mutt, I was told that they could not be had, as they had been sent to some Civil Court in Vellore.

10. On the next day, the Swamigalavaru sent word with Mr. Venkatesiah that he was unwilling at present to place the affairs of the Mutt under Government management, but that he would think of doing so, six months hence, when he was intending to start out on tour. He did not like to furnish the accounts of the Mutt or of landed properties or to give a list of jewels pledged or of the debts incurred either. Finding it hopeless to get any useful information from the Swamigalavaru himself, I recorded a detailed statement[x] of Ramasubbiah, one of the agents of the Mutt, which I have enclosed in the record for perusal. Though much weight cannot be attached to the truth of his statement, as it was given with great hesitation and much reluctance, yet it may to some extent serve the purpose of gauging roughly what Inam lands have been granted to the Mutt by the Government of

[x] Vide Flag.A.

His Highness the Maharaja, and the Government lands held by the Mutt. The appended statement A shows the description of such lands with probable income thereof. This was prepared from the verbal statement of the said agent, unsupported by any authenticated accounts either in his custody or of the Mutt. The account books of the Mutt are said to have been lost by another agent of the Mutt by name Surya Narayana Sastry, while in transit to the Kolar Munsiff's Court four years ago. The accounts since kept are said to have been sent to Vellore Civil Court as already referred to. The probable income of the landed estates according to the agent's statement is over Rs.6,000/- per annum. A few of the joda villages shown in the statement are said to have been acquired by the Mutt by purchase and are not endowments made by Government as Devadayam Inam villages.

3, 11. Statement B annexed contains particulars of landed property, which have been encumbered since the advent of the present Swamigalavaru. This has been prepared from references contained in the file of records, from which it can be seen that the Mutt estate has been encumbered to the extent of Rs. 20,000/-.

12. It is also ascertained from the records that when this Swamigalavaru succeeded to the Asramam, there was at the credit of the Mutt a sum of Rs. 19,000/- invested for interest on bonds and in Savings Bank. There was also jewelry including silver plates etc, valued more than Rs. 50,000/-. Since the Swamigalavaru took up the Asramam - that is, in the course of fifteen years - not only have the cash investments been withdrawn and spent, but all the jewels have been pledged to the extent of probably Rs.20,000 but according to the Swamigalavaru's statement, since furnished, to the extent of Rs.11,300/- and an additional

debt of Rs.20,000/- has been incurred as stated above by the encumbrance of the landed estate. All these have been squandered away in addition to the permanent income of Rs.6,000/- per annum, which if anything at all, is an under estimate by the agent. It is hopeless to expect the Mutt, which is spoken of as one of antiquity, to recover its position, if it continued under the management of this Swamigalavaru, without Government immediately stepping in for its rescue. As far as I could ascertain, Inam lands which are endowments do not seem to have been encumbered. As for the Government lands in the holding of the Mutt, the Swami seems to labour under a notion that the Government have no voice to check his acts of alienation &c, on the ground that they had been purchased by the old Swamigalavaru or himself from their earnings from disciples. This view of the Swamigalavaru is untenable, as he is no more than a trustee in respect of the Mutt properties. The highest right that he could exercise may be to spend the income in all legitimate ways, taking care to keep reserve for extra expenditure, such as the repairs of the Mutt, the temple etc, to be maintained from Mutt funds.

13. The Swamigalavaru has exceeded all bounds in expenditure and has risked the solvency and stability of the Mutt to such a great extent, that it is no longer desirable to delay its affairs being taken up under Government management. It is a question whether all the debts incurred by the Swamigalavaru have to be discharged by the Mutt or whether the creditors have not taken their own risk in advancing loans with eyes open on the security of properties over which the Swamigalavaru himself has no personal right but is only a trustee.

14. Under these circumstances, I would recommend the

management of the Mutt being taken over by Government as early as possible and a notification issued to that effect. After this is done, definite proposals may be submitted regarding the scale of establishment and the needful grants for meeting the usual Mutt expenses etc, in a manner suitable to the Institution and consistent with the financial position of the Mutt, after obtaining accurate particulars of the landed and other properties of the Mutt and of its various assets and dischargeable liabilities.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Treasury Assistant Commissioner,

Kolar District.

A.

Statement showing the situation of Inam lands and villages belonging to the Sri Avani Mutt at Avani.

No.	Taluk.	Village.	Probable income to the Mutt.	Remarks.
1.	Mulbagal.	Avani	1,289-0-0	Kandaya lands.
2.	-do-	Cholangunte	140-0-0	-do-
3.	-do-	Kame Mallur	95-0-0	-do-
4.	-do-	Bandahalli	25-0-0	-do-
5.	-do-	Kothamangala	125-0-0	-do-
6.	-do-	Kurabachadumana-halli.	70-0-0	-do-
7.	-do-	Mittur	160-0-0	-do-
8.	-do-	Mulbagal	25-0-0	-do-
9.	-do-	Mudiyanur	65-0-0	-do-
10.	-do-	Thayalur	30-0-0	-do-
11.	-do-	Jodi Marakalghatta	610-0-0	Jodi village.
12.	Kolar	Sarvamanya Honnena-halli	600-0-0	Inam village.
13.	-do-	Jodi Varadenahalli	110-0-0	-do-
14.	-do-	Vadigere & Golla-halli	400-0-0	Jodi & Inam villages.
15.	-do-	Doddanahalli	120-0-0	Minor Inam & Kandayam lands.
16.	-do-	Thalagonda	200-0-0	Jodi
17.	-do-	Thamballi	105-0-0	Kandayam
18.	Bowringpet	Manchenalli	200-0-0	Inam village.
19.	-do-	Bandarlahalli	215-0-0	-do-
20.	-do-	Gollahalli	140-0-0	Kandayam lands.
21.	Malur	Idaganahalli	400-0-0	Inam village.
22.	Sidlaghatta	Thathihalli	450-0-0	-do-
23.	-do-	Burudagunte	5-0-0	Minor Inam
24.	-do-	Vanja malle	3-0-0	-do-
25.	-do-	Bompalli	3-0-0	-do-
26.	-do-	Hosandiraiahalli	8-0-0	-do-
27.	Srinivasapur	Addagal	10-0-0	-do-

28.	Gudibanda Sub Taluk	Burugunte	4-0-0	Minor Inam.
29.	-do-	Hampasandra	7-0-0	-do-
30.	Chikballapur	Bammahalli	7-0-0	-do-
31.	Chintamani	Lakshminarasimha-pura	4-0-0	-do-
32.	Doddaballapur	Sanyasi Agrahara	110-0-0	Inam village Bangalore Dt.
33.	Koppam	Yarra Byatiamnur	200-0-0	Inam village Chittor District.
34.	-do-	Mindapatti	125-0-0	-do- -do-
35.	-do- Vellore	Vellore	35-0-0	Minor inams -do-
36.	Madanapalli	Muslitur Nimmanapalli	90-0-0	-do- Cuddapah Dt.
37.	Krishnagiri	Maremangalam Mittah	20-0-0	-do- Salem Dt.
			6,205-0-0	

B.

List showing the particulars of the immoveable property alienated by the present presiding Guru of the Sri Avani Mutt since the year 1896.

No.	Taluk in which property is situated	Particulars of the property	Kind of alienation	Amount	Remarks.
1.	Mulbagal	S.Nos.207 & 208 at Urukunte Mittur.	Hypothecation	175-0-0	Takavi Loan. 17-3-96.
2.	--Do--	Duyyam Marakalghatta	-do-	3,000-0-0	Sold in the Civil Court for Rs 2,809/-. June 1907.
3.	--Do--	S.Nos.61,60,62,64,59,63,68& 368 at Urukunte Mittur	Mortgage	1,500-0-0	31-10-06. Sold for Rs.1,500 on 3-5-09.
4.	--Do--	S.Nos.22,23,25,26,32&33 at Avani	Hypothecation	1,000-0-0	22-7-07.
5.	--Do--	S.Nos. 144 & 145 at Avani	Mortgage	500-0-0	27-12-07.
6.	--Do--	Jodi Mudiyanur, the share belonging to the Mutt.	-do-	550-0-0	30-1-08. Sold for Rs.550/- on 12-6-1909.
7.	--Do--	S.Nos.69,74 & 78 at Avani	-do-	1,500-0-0	7-9-08.
8.	--Do--	S.Nos.70,78,81,84,87 & 88 at Cholangunta Majara Ramagandra	-do-	500-0-0	3-5-09.
9.	--Do--	Cholangunte S.Nos.51,53,54, 64 & 66	-do-	1,000-0-0	3-5-09.
10.	--Do--	Bandahalli, S.Nos.83,53,62, 116,105,117,109,115,108 & 102	Hypothecation	200-0-0	2-8-09.
11.	--Do--	S.Nos.62,63,98,103,156,& 158 at Avani	Sale deed	800-0-0	19-10-09.
12.	--Do--	S.Nos.94,95,96,& 97 at Avani	Mortgage	1,000-0-0	29-7-10.
13.	~~11~~Do--	-do- 105 & 111	-do-	-do-	100-0-0	-do-
14.	--Do--	-do- 97	-do-	-do-	100-0-0	11-8-10.
15.	--Do--	-do- 164	-do-	Sale deed	100-0-0	12-11-10.

16.	Mulbagal	S.Nos.209 at Avani	Sale deed	80-0-0	16-9-10.
17.	--Do--	-do- 227 -do-	-do-	75-0-0	16-9-10
18.	--Do--	-do- 232 & 238 -do-	-do-	140-0-0	27-9-10.
19.	--Do--	S.Nos.50,6,221,146,136,41 & 16 at Avani	-do-	2,180-0-0	16-9-10, 17-12-10 & 7th and 11th November 1910.
20.	Kolar	Leasing out Jodi Vadigere Gollahalli for Rs.250/-.	Lease deed	...	22-1-01
21.	-Do-	-do- Rs.500/-.	-do-	...	1-9-1910.
22.	-Do-	Jodi Vadigere	Hypothecation	1,250-0-0	4-2-04.
23.	-Do-	-do-	-do-	2,000-0-0	1-9-10.
24.	-Do-	Jodi Varadenahalli	Mortgage	800-0-0	8-9-07.
25.	-Do-	Jodi Phalagundam 4½ Vrittis.	Hypothecation	1,550-0-0	14-10-05. Sold in Civil Court for Rs.1,150/-.
26.	Malur	Jodi Ijaganahalli	Lease deed.	...	9-8-09.
				22,400-0-0.	

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

Dt 13.7.1911

The Dy Commr,
Kolar Distt

Date of issue

Signed by

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. 8404/292 dated 4th May 1911 reporting on the mismanagement of Sri Areani matt and its endowments in the Mulbagal Tq, and recommending that the matt may be taken under Govt management, I am directed to forward herewith Srimukha No. 2013 Dt 30th May 1911 from the Swamigalu and to request you to exert your influence to get the Swami to consent to the management of the matt being assumed

over.

SUBJECT.

17/7/11

by Govt. I am to add that in the best interests of the Sawmigalu himself, prompt early action is called for

this would be the most desirable course and that early action is called for.

2) the vernacular records are herewith returned

I have etc

Dewan's order 4/7/11

for Secy. Secretary

4/7/11

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GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Secretary to the Government of H H the Maharaja of Mysore.

To The Dy: Commissioner Kolar Dt.

Dated

Despatched 8th July 1908.

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 97.
M. No.

This Office No 4822 dated 28th April 1908 calling for the submission of a report re the mismanagement of the Sri Aravindatt at Mulbagal

No 5194 D/23-5-08

and subsequent reminder marginally noted

Has the honor to draw attention to the above and to request an early reply thereto.

By Order,

CSB

Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

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GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Dy: Commissioner Kolar Dt

Dated

Despatched 26 Aug: 08

Received

Enclosures No.

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M. No.

This Office No. 4822 dated 28th April 1908 calling for the Sub of a report re mismanagement of the Sri Anani Matt at Mulbagal

and subsequent reminder; marginally noted

Has the honor to draw attention to the above and to request an early reply thereto.

By Order,

Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

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ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಂದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಾಗತ ಕೋರಿದರು. ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲಲಿತಾ ಅವರು ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹೆಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರು ಓದಿದರು. ಕಳೆದ ಸಭೆಯ ನಡವಳಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಓದಿ ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಒಂದೊಂದಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದವರು ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ಸಭೆಯ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಭೆಯ ಕೊನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಧನ್ಯವಾದ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಿದರು. ಸಭೆಯು ಸಂಜೆ ೫ ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಯಿತು. ಮುಂದಿನ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ತಿಂಗಳ ೧೫ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನಂದು ನಡೆಸಲು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಚಹಾ ಮತ್ತು ಉಪಾಹಾರದ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಸಭೆಯ ನಡವಳಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರು ಬರೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡರ